

Alfred F. Finney House  
1011 Howard Avenue  
First Ward Neighborhood  
Altoona  
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Location: 1011 Howard Avenue

Date of Erection: 1917

Description: This two-and-a-half-story house has a slate-covered side-gable roof with two hipped dormers, one large and one small. The wood-frame structure is clad in a buff-colored brick veneer. There is an oriel at the second story. The doorway has beveled-glass sidelights and transom window. There is a one-story porch across the front.

The interior features oak woodwork in a Mission style, most of it still unpainted. The plan of the first floor places the kitchen behind the stair hall, a living room in the front next to the stair hall, and a dining room behind the living room.

History: Engineer Alfred F. Finney was assessed for a "new brick-cased dwelling" here, valued at \$2,950, in 1918. Finney lived in the previous building on the site with his parents; in 1901 he attempted to buy it, but the deed was lost. A new deed was drawn up and recorded in 1916, and Finney began construction on his new house. His daughter acquired the house upon his death, and sold it in 1986 to the present owner.

Sources: Maps: 1909, 1932. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 243/204, 871/710, 1128/742. U.S. Census, 1900.

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